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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT  
AUDIT OF THE HAWAII CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.

1           WHEREAS, Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as  
2 amended, provides enabling legislation for the establishment of  
3 a network of independent living centers for persons with  
4 disabilities in the United States; and  
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6           WHEREAS, independent living centers are consumer-  
7 controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential,  
8 private nonprofit agencies that aim to maximize the independence  
9 of individuals with disabilities and promote their integration  
10 into the mainstream of American society; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the core required minimum services of an  
13 independent living center are information and referral,  
14 independent living skills training, peer counseling, and  
15 advocacy services; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living receives  
18 nearly \$1,200,000 in federal Rehabilitation Act funds and state  
19 general funds; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living has had  
22 a high staff turnover and an exodus of board members within the  
23 past five years resulting in a lack of continuity of services;  
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26           WHEREAS, under the federal Education Department General  
27 Administrative Regulations, the State is responsible for  
28 managing the day-to-day operations of grant and subgrant  
29 supported activities, and must monitor grant and subgrant  
30 supported activities to assure compliance with applicable  
31 federal requirements and that performance goals are being  
32 achieved; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether the  
2 Hawaii Centers for Independent Living is meeting its core  
3 function and delivering the services as contracted; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned as to whether  
6 independent living services are available to the full spectrum  
7 of persons with disabilities; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
12 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of the  
13 Hawaii Centers for Independent Living in the State of Hawaii;  
14 and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit determines whether:  
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- 18 (1) The Hawaii Centers for Independent Living is  
19 fulfilling the mission of providing core services;  
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- 21 (2) The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Centers for  
22 Independent Living is meeting its oversight and  
23 fiduciary responsibilities;  
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- 25 (3) State or federal agencies providing funding are  
26 adequately monitoring program outcomes, financial  
27 management practices, and consumer satisfaction; and  
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- 29 (4) Program effectiveness and consumer satisfaction are  
30 adequately measured and, if not, the Auditor is  
31 requested to seek out at least some consumer input;  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor report its findings  
35 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
36 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board President and  
40 Executive Director of the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living,  
41 the Director of Human Services, the Administrator of the  
42 Vocational Rehabilitation and Services to the Blind Division,  
43 the Federal Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Council



1 President and the Executive Director of the Statewide  
2 Independent Living Council of Hawaii, and the Auditor.

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